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State of Texas

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Mr. Robert E. Talton
City Attorney for City of South Houston
308 South Shaver
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OR91-308

Dear Mr. Talton:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 12709.

The City of South Houston (the city) received an open records request for, *inter alia*, a breakdown on the costs of gasoline and oil, maintenance and repair (including labor and parts), and insurance for each individual "take-home" vehicle used by personnel of the South Houston Police Department. You do not contend that the requested information is excepted from required public disclosure; rather you state that the city does not possess the information in the form requested. You inquire whether the Open Records Act requires the city to compile the information in summary form.

Since the city or one of its departments, possesses public records that are responsive to this request, it must make the information available to the requestor. If the city determines that compiling its records in order to provide the information in summary form would be more burdensome than simply providing the requestor with copies of, or access to, the information, the city may provide copies of the records as they currently exist provided that in so doing, it does not release information deemed confidential by law. See V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a, § 10(a).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-308.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Guajardo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kay Guajardo
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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